



**January 26, 2016
Regular Board Meeting
Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report**

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers

As of: January 25-2016

Grade:	Gr. K	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 0	Gr.1 1	Gr.1 2	TOTALS
BAS														0
DL	3	2	2	4	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	4	13	43
EES	1	1	2	5	2	4	3							18
LESS	4	11	5	11	8	7	5	6	7	4	2	6	8	84
NES	20	15	18	20	20	18	32	28						171
NSS									29	27	28	34	31	149

TOTAL Per Grade 28 29 27 40 32 32 41 35 39 34 32 44 52

District Total

465

1. FreshGrade - New Student Learning ePortfolio Communication Tool

- A number of teachers at NES have been exploring ePortfolio software called *Fresh Grade* this fall after their principal, Susan Paterson was sparked by a workshop by another school using the program <https://www.freshgrade.com>
- FreshGrade is now used across BC and North America to upload examples of student work which can be shared with students and parents to document a students' learning journey over time, and map their goals and their achievements
- Feedback from NES teachers and principal and vice principal has been very positive with interest spreading across the district
- Over 25% of BC teachers now use Fresh Grade, so ERAC (Ministry of Education Educational Resource Aquisition Consortium) has negotiated favourable pricing for districts
- SD 10 has just purchased a FreshGrade licence – up until now teachers have used the free teacher app. With the new licence, the software integrates with MyEducation BC, class lists will populate for any teacher using it, and ePortfolio data is saved over multiple years
- The district Fresh Grade licence will enable interested teachers to explore the program in more depth and consider how it may assist in giving feedback to students and reporting to parents on student learning as well as interface with the new curriculum

2. Solar Energy Challenge!

- The Grade 7/8/9 class at Lucerne under the leadership of their teacher, Scott Kipkie is the first to join this district wide challenge to monitor the graphs and energy savings as a result of our solar panels at both NES and Lucerne
- Proposals from teachers and classrooms to take part will still be accepted up to and including February 4th
- Culminating presentations to the Education Partnership Committee of the Board in June will

be made by all classes involved

3. Lucerne Wiring Update

- Wiring at Lucerne school is almost completed with the next step being installation of new Ethernet wired drops in each classroom
- To date, there are not yet wireless routers installed in the classrooms
- Board protocols around restrictions of use of wireless will be shared

4. Attendance Support and Wellness Program

- In collaboration with 7 other districts, which like SD 10 are part of the Okanagan Labour Relations Council, SD 10 will share in the hiring of an Attendance and Wellness Consultant
- Each district in BC received a one time grant of \$25,000 to initiate a review of their practices in attendance and wellness support and identify next steps
- SD 10 will contribute \$20,000 of this grant to fund this shared position for one year
- A complete audit of the district's attendance, return to work, and wellness support practices, assistance in enhancing our procedures, forms and programs to further support our employees, and identification of next steps are some of the deliverables

5. Grants for Edgewood School's Innovative Wildlife Observation Project

- Primary teacher, Erika Momeyer, has just won two grants to support her innovative use of game cameras to enhance student learning in the K-3 class at Edgewood School
- Here is Erika's description of the project: *Students will use wildlife cameras placed in the forest adjacent to our school yard to observe and record wildlife use and patterns in the area. After several weeks of monitoring students will decide on a community action project that will help the wildlife using the Forest. This may include community education through brochures, posters or signs; garbage clean up; bird or bat box building or some other student-driven initiative.*
- Both the Canadian Wildlife Federation <http://cwf-fcf.org/en/about-cwf/news-press/releases-1/2016/cwf-supports-youth-projects.html> and BC Hydro's Community Champions program <https://champions.bchydro.com/supportsubmissions/winners> have recognized in awarding these grants that Ms. Momeyer's initiative in teaching young children to observe, monitor and take action in learning about the animals in the forest surrounding them has significant merit. Hurrah, Erika!

6. CodeCreate at UBC-Okanagan – Learning about Coding

- Six secondary students from Lucerne and NSS attended the CodeCreate learning event at the University of British Columbia in Kelowna this past weekend
- Technology and Hands-on Learning teacher, Michael Myhal supervised the field trip which involved 100 students from across the Interior region learning about computer coding with assistance from mentors from post-secondary community as well as community volunteers
- Many thanks to Mr. Myhal for his leadership and support of our students' learning about coding and exposure to the technology sector opportunities
- Global TV filmed the event which includes footage of our students and a short interview with Michael <http://globalnews.ca/news/2473699/kids-coding-a-trend-b-c-is-pushing-for/>
- A number of teachers in our district have an interest and background in coding, and we will be looking at ways to further integrate these skills as it is part of the new K-9 curriculum

7. Burton Academy/Nakusp Secondary Outdoor Education and Entrepreneurship Success!

- Under the inspired leadership of teacher, Dorian Boswell, it's been another successful journey to Vancouver to attend the International Boat Show for the senior Outdoor Education/Entrepreneurship class
- Within the first two days of this gigantic trade show, the 8 students had sold over \$10,000 in the Triflasher fishing flasher which they manufacture, market and sell each year
- By the end of the Boat Show, the class had sold over \$19,000 of flashers with students gaining skills in confidence, direct sales, organization and entrepreneurship
- The class also mixed in a little fun and visited a climbing wall, Science World and saw Star Wars at the movie theatre
- Kudos to the students and their teacher for amazing marketing, hands-on making, and sales skills

8. Integrating Aboriginal WorldViews and Perspectives into Biology 11 and 12

- Julia Flesaker, Science teacher at Nakusp Secondary has embarked on two Aboriginal inquiry projects this year
- One of note, is her thoughtful work integrating Aboriginal WorldViews and Perspectives into her senior Biology classroom – a direction inspired by the new Ministry of Education document: https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/awp_moving_forward.pdf
- Integrating Aboriginal WorldViews and Perspectives into all curricular areas has long been a part of the current curriculum, and is also highlighted in the renewed K-9 and draft Grade 10-12 curriculum documents
- Bravo to Ms. Flesaker for her leadership in this important work

9. Curriculum Support Planning Day – February 23rd, 2016

- A small team of school and district leaders meet on February 1st to co-plan this additional professional development day on February 23rd which is intended to give teachers time to explore and plan using the new K-9 curriculum in advance of mandatory implementation in September 2016
- Superintendent of Graduation and Transitions, Jan Unwin, and Superintendent of Early Years, Maureen Dockendorf, will share highlights of the renewed curriculum and assessment, and be on hand as facilitators and resources
- Our teachers have identified that a top need is to have time to work together in collaborative teams on the renewed curriculum, so that will be the prime goal of the day

10. Public Meeting with Jan Unwin and Maureen Dockendorf – Tuesday, February 23rd

- Parents, staff and the public are welcome to join the Board of Education at their Regular Board meeting to hear Jan Unwin, Superintendent of Graduation and Transitions and Maureen Dockendorf, Superintendent of Early Years as they discuss the renewed K-9 curriculum and possible changes in assessment and reporting
- Please join us at 7 pm on February 23rd